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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT -- DSP REQUEST FOR MEETING WITH PRESIDENT

REFS: A. TOKYO 14671

B. STATE 253481

1. GOJ HAS APPROACHED US WITH URGENT REQUEST THAT EFFORT BE MADE TO ACCOMMODATE DESIRE OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST PARTY (DSP) CHAIRMAN IKKO KASUGA TO MEET THE PRESIDENT (REF A). FONOFF IS BEING PRESSED BY PRIIE MINISTER'S OFFICE (REPORTEDLY CHIEF CABINET SECRETARY ON INSTRUCTIONS OF PRIME MINISTER) TO ARRANGE FOR KASUGA TO BE INTRODUCED TO THE PRESIDENT DURING THE APERITIF PERIOD BEFORE PRIME MINISTER'S LUNCH NOV. 19, AND GIVEN BRIEF OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ABOUT MATTERS CONCERNING HIM AND DSP. (SUGGESTION IS NOT THAT PRESIDENT AND KASUGA WOULD LEAVE THE RECEPTION ROOM, BUT JUST STEP TO THE SIDE. FONOFF HAS ASSURED US THAT THEY WILL ASK KASUGA TO LIMIT CONVERSATION TO 3-4 MINUTES.) FONOFF WOULD PROVIDE INTERPRETER FOR KASUGA AND WICKEL

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WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE THE PRESIDENT.

2. ACCORDING TO FONOFF, KASUGA WOULD WISH TO RAISE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

A. IN ORDER TO CLARIFY THE SUSPICIONS OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE CONCERNING THE INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO JAPAN BY THE U.S. WHICH HAVE ARISEN AS A RESULT OF ADMIRAL LAROCQUE'S TESTIMONY, WOULD THE PRESIDENT MAKE IT CLEAR THAT THE U.S. RESPECTS THE THREE NON-NUCLEAR PRINCIPLES OF JAPAN, AND THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT INTRODUCE NUCLEAR WEAPONS INTO JAPAN EXCEPT IN CASE OF APPROVAL BY JAPAN THROUGH PRIOR CONSULTATIONS?

B. WOULD THE PRESIDENT PROVIDE THE SAME CLARIFICATION IN RELATION TO THE QUESTION OF TRANSIT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS THROUGH JAPANESE TERRITORIAL WATERS, PORTS AND AIRFIELDS?

C. RESPECTING THE GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION UNDER ARTICLE II OF THE SECURITY TREATY, ASSURANCE IS REQUESTED THAT THE U.S. WILL NOT INVOKE EXPORT CONTROLS OR OTHER MEASURES CONCERNING FOOD, ENERGY AND OTHER NECESSARY MATERIALS, AND THAT THE U.S. WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE STABLE SUPPLIES OF THESE BASIC COMMODITIES TO JAPAN.

3. FONOFF EXPLAINED THAT URGENT DESIRE OF PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE TO ACCOMMODATE KASUGA AND DSP OBVIOUSLY RELATES TO DSP'S POSITION AS MODERATE, CONSTRUCTIVE OPPOSITION PARTY THAT HAS COOPERATED WITH THE GOJ IN MANY MATTERS AND HAS BEEN DISCRIMINATING IN ITS OPPOSITION POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES. IN PRESENT DOMESTIC POLITICAL SITUATION, THE REQUEST TAKES ON ADDED SIGNIFICANCE.

4. FONOFF SAID THE PRESIDENT OF COURSE WOULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO MAKE ANY NEW SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE TO KASUGA'S QUESTIONS. THEY WOULD EXPECT THAT, ON NUCLEAR QUESTIONS, PRESIDENT WOULD SIMPLY REAFFIRM OUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE FEELINGS OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE AND OUR FIDELITY TO OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN IN THE SECURITY TREATY AND RELATED AGREEMENTS. ON THE ECONOMIC QUESTION ALSO, THE PRESIDENT COULD EXPRESS OUR SYMPATHETIC UNDERSTANDING OF JAPAN'S CONCERNS ABOUT STABLE SUPPLIES OF ENERGY, FOOD AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS, AND REAFFIRM OUR INTENT TO WORK RESPONSIBLY WITH THE GOJ IN MEETING THOSE NEEDS.

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5. COMMENT: WE THINK SCENARIO SUGGESTED BY GOJ FITS THE PRESIDENT'S WILLINGNESS TO MEET VARIOUS POLITICAL LEADERS IN SOCIAL SETTING (REF B) AND, THEREFORE, THAT WE WOULD TRY TO ACCOMMODATE THIS REQUEST. KASUGA, OF COURSE, WILL GENERATE PUBLICITY AFTER THE TALK WITH THE PRESIDENT AND CONVERSATION ITSELF WILL BE PHOTOGRAPHED (NO LIVE TV), BUT THAT PROBABLY WOULD SERVE OUR INTERESTS IN PROVIDING EVIDENCE THAT WE HAVE NOT DODGED THESE ISSUES DURING VISIT AND HAVE RESPONDED SYMPATHETICALLY. IT MIGHT ALSO HELP THE DSP, AND THE GOJ IN ITS EFFORTS TO STABILIZE THE DOMESTIC

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